GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4013
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Extension of Delhi Public Library
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Government libraries functioning in the country including Rajasthan;

(b) the annual expenditure incurred on these libraries during the last three years;

(c) whether the Government is contemplating any scheme of modernisation of Delhi Public library and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to set up any extension branch of Delhi Public Library; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE, CULTURE AND TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

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(a) Most of Govt. Public Libraries function under the administrative control of the respective state library authorities. There are six libraries under administrative control of Ministry of Culture namely:

i. National Library
ii. Central Secretariat Library
iii. Central Reference Library
iv. Delhi Public Library
v. Khuda Bakhsh Oriental Public Library
vi. Rampur Raza Library

There is no library in Rajasthan under the control of Ministry of Culture.

(b) The annual expenditure incurred on the libraries under Ministry of Culture during the last three years is at Annexure-I.

(c) Every year grant-in-aid general for purchase of books, preservation/conservation, digitization, office expenses etc., grant-in-aid for creation of capital assets is provided to Delhi Public Library. Grants released to Delhi Public Library during last three years is at Annexure-I. Under the scheme of Improvement of Infrastructure and Modernization of Library of National Mission on Libraries, an amount of Rs. 224.00 lakh has been approved for Delhi Public Library in 2014-15.

(d & e) The proposal is at nascent stage.

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Annexure − I

Annexure referred in reply to Part (b) & (c) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. â€ 4013 for 27.03.2017 on Extension of Delhi Public Library.

(Rs. in Lakhs)

S. No. Name of the Library 2014-15 2015-16 2016-17

1. National Library 3713.92 3807.79 4240.57

2. Central Secretariat Library201.67 208.94 186.49

3. Central Reference Library 271.64 253.69 353.48

4. Delhi Public Library 2476.05 2700.78 2838.13

5. Khuda Bakhsh Oriental Public Library 403.75 432.15 593.35

6. Rampur Raza Library 788.54 544.2 473.81